



**KHPA Consumer Advisory Council Meeting**  
February 13, 2009, Landon State Office Building, Topeka, KS  
Minutes

**KHPA Consumer Advisory Council Members Present:**

Jane Adams  
Jane Carter  
Corrie Edwards  
Susan Fowler  
Mary Jane Hellebust  
Peggy Johnson (Chair)  
Al Penner  
Theresa Schwab  
Maury Thompson  
David Wilson  
Suzanne Wikle  
Via telephone:  
Mitzi McFatrigh  
Dinell Stuckey

**KHPA Staff Participants:**

Dr. Barbara Langner, KHPA Policy Director  
Frances Breyne, Communications Director

**Welcome:**

KHPA Policy Director Dr. Barbara Langner and Consumer Advisory Council Chair Peggy Johnson welcomed the group to the meeting. Dr. Langner reviewed the agenda and handouts, including the list of new members for each of the 4 advisory councils. Members of the council who were present in person and via conference call introduced themselves.

**Topics of Discussion:**

Dr. Langner shared information about the KHPA Board's January meeting. She offered an overview of the Federal Stimulus package, including Medicaid FMAP as well as proposed funding for Health Information Technology. Referring to the one-page description of the Medicaid Transformation project provided to council members, Dr. Langner offered an overview of Medicaid Transformation, and discussed a portion of its contents, noting that the document could be viewed in its entirety on the KHPA website. Dr. Langner also discussed the Medical Home model, referring to its origins in the Kansas legislature and the KHPA's continuing efforts to

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work with Medical Home stakeholders to develop guidelines for its implementation.

Dr. Langner discussed the status of the Clean Indoor Air act in the legislature, referring to a one-page overview of the issue given to council members. She also discussed the background and scope of the 20 Legislative Coordinating Council studies, the table of contents of which was given to council members.

The council had a discussion about the current agency priority to preserve benefits for beneficiaries and that the pending recission bill protects caseloads but cuts deeply into agency operations. There was an inquiry about the advisability of moving safety net clinics under the oversight of KHPA. The agency takes no position on that possibility but notes that Medicaid does pay for some services provided by safety net clinics. The group talked about the compromise on the preferred drug list, namely the appointment of a mental health advisory council and the implementation of a prior authorization system. One council member asked how the permanent medical card had been received and another council member, who is the mother of a disabled child, noted that it had been very beneficial to have a permanent card. It was also emphasized that the state had saved a substantial amount of money by transitioning from paper to permanent medical cards. Upon inquiry, Dr. Langner explained the measures KHPA had taken to draw down more Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funds for the benefit of indigent consumers. There was a question about maintenance of effort provisions in the federal stimulus package. Finally, the group touched on the status of the clean indoor air act.

**Adjournment:**

Dr. Langner and Peggy Johnson thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned.